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- (33) Page 6. Contents List for Chapter 4. After "Loading and unloading" *insert* "by hand."
- (34) Chapter 3, para. 89, line 2. After "handling" *insert* :—
"As a normal procedure, the gun should be fitted to, or removed from, its mounting as a complete unit. In general, the limited space available in cockpits or turrets renders such operations as the dismantling of the body extension, with the gun in position, very difficult and invariably results in damage to the return springs and rod."
- (35) Chapter 4, para. 91. After "UNLOADING" in shoulder heading *insert* "BY HAND."
- (36) Chapter 4, para. 91, line 2. After "pin." *insert* :—
"To ensure that there is no undue frictional resistance, spin the top plate before filling the magazine."
- (37) Chapter 4, para. 98, line 2. After "result." *insert* :—
If spaces are missed, the extra rotary movement of the magazine during firing will cause an increased impact on the following round and separator, which will tend to distort the separator."
- (38) Chapter 4, para. 109, line 2. After "retainer." *insert* :—
"To ensure that there is no undue frictional resistance, spin the top plate before filling the magazine."
- (39) Chapter 4, para. 118, line 2. After "result." *insert* :—
"If spaces are missed, the extra rotary movement of the magazine during firing will cause an increased impact on the following round and separator, which will tend to distort the separator."
- (40) Chapter 4, para. 122. After this para. *insert* :
"Note.—The No. 2 Mk. I magazine spring must not be wound with any equipment other than the plate and winding handle supplied for the purpose. The equipment supplied for the No. 1, Mk. I magazine is unsuitable for the No. 2 Mk. I magazine."



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